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1. LOCAL PANAM DIRECTOR MR. FRANK GURNEY CALLED ON VICE-MINISTER OF WAR AND DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION (CAO) HOUSHANG ARBABI ON OCTOBER 25 TO DISCUSS TELEX HE HAD RECEIVED FROM CAO OBJECTING TO PAN AM WINTER SCHEDULE FILING. FILING WAS SIMPLY CHANGE IN SCHEDULE TIMES, NOT IN CAPACITY. ARBABI SAID TELEX WAS SENT WITHOUT HIS AUTHORITY AND SHOULD BE DISREGARDED.

2. ARBABI TOLD GURNEY THE FOLLOWING WITH REQUEST IT BE PASSED TO EMBASSY IN CONFIDENCE: ARBABI IS UNDER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM IRAN AIR GENERAL DIRECTOR KHADEMI OVER PRESENT PAN AM CAPACITY. KHADEMI HAS SENT A LETTER TO H.I.M. THE SHAH COMPLAINING ABOUT WHAT IRAN AIR CONSIDERS EXCESS CAPACITY ALLOWED BY CAO TO PAN AM AND BRITISH AIRWAYS. THE SHAH, ACCORDING TO ARBABI, REPLIED THAT GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AND THE U.K. ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE INSIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF FARES LOST BY IRAN AIR. ACCORDING TO ARBABI THE SHAH SAID HE WAS AWARE OF CERTAIN IMPROPRIETIES INVOLVING GENERAL KHADEMI AND DECEASED GENERAL KHATAMI'S PROCUREMENT PURCHASES ABROAD. SUMMING
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UP, ARBABI SAID HE FELT THAT U.S. POSITION ON EXTENSION OF CURRENT

BILATERAL AGREEMENT WAS SOUND AND U.S. SHOULD STAND FIRM. HE SAID HIS REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DELEGATION, ABOLMAALI, TENDED TO SIDE WITH IRAN AIR.

3. GURNEY SAID PAN AM IS FEELING IRAN AIR DISPLEASURE LOCALLY ON CHARTER FLIGHTS. A RECENT PACKAGE CHARTER (FIFTH FREEDOM) WHICH WAS ARRANGED BETWEEN EL AL AND PAN AM WAS REJECTED BY IRAN AIR. GURNEY FEELS OBJECTIONS TO PAN AM CAPACITY ARE EXAGGERATED. PAN AM AVERAGES 200 PASSENGERS ON THE TWO DAILY ROUND-THE-WORLD FLIGHTS (PA 01 AND 02), OF WHOM 45 PERCENT ARE TRANSIT PASSENGERS. PAN AM IS PREPARED TO CUT FREQUENCY ON ITS OTHER REGULAR PASSENGER SERVICE (PA 111 AND 112) IF IT CAN INTRODUCE B-747 AIRCRAFT ON

THIS RUN IN 1977. ALL OTHER FACTORS BEING EQUAL, PAN AM CAN LIVE WITH CURRENT CAPACITY BUT DESIRES FREEDOM ON FREQUENCY AND SCHEDULING.

4. COMMENT: SUGGEST FIRM U.S. POSITION IN NOVEMBER CONSULTATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN MOST TOLERANT ON ISSUE OF DISCOUNT FARES AND CURRENT PAN AM CAPACITY DOES NOT APPEAR EXCESSIVE. IT WOULD APPEAR EVIDENT FROM ARBABI'S STATEMENTS THAT GOI POSITION IS DIVIDED. MFA POSITION, AS REFLECTED BY LEGAL DEPT. CHIEF EZZEDIN KAZEMI, WOULD SEEM TO BE AVOIDANCE OF PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED KAZEMI PERSONALLY FINDS EXTENSION OF CURRENT AGREEMENT ACCEPTABLE.
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